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SUBJECT: ZAIRE-SGM CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

1. CAHEN TOLD ME JANUARY 17 LOCAL SGM REP VAN LOOK RECEIVED ORDERS TO NOTIFY GOZ THAT, SINCE MANAGEMENT FEE DUE SGM UNDER 1969 AGREEMENT BEING WITHHELD BY ZAIRE, BELGIUM WAS HOLDING UP PAYMENT OF MONTHLY PROCEEDS FROM COPPER SALES. THIS POSITION WAS CONVEYED BY CAHEN TO BISENGIMANA JANUARY 16 JUST PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE TO JOIN MOBUTU IN EUROPE. UPSHOT WAS AGREEMENT NO ACTION WOULD BE TAKEN FROM BELGIAN SIDE PENDING OUTCOME OF MOBUTU-NOKIN MEETING IN BADEN-BADEN WHICH SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 19.

2. EMBASSY HAS HEARD FROM PRESIDENCY SOURCE OF UNKNOWN RELIABILITY THAT MOBUTU PLANS TO MAKE SECRET TRIP TO BRUSSELS JANUARY 20. WHEN ASKED ABOUT RUMOR CAHEN DISCOUNTED IT SAYING THAT PURPOSE OF SUCH TRIP COULD ONLY BE IN ORDER TO SEE THE KING AND THAT THIS WOULD PLACE LATTER IN VERY AWKWARD SITUATION.

3. IN SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT WORLD BANK REP GUETTA TOLD EMBOFF THAT HE OPTIMISTIC ZAIRIANS AND BELGIANS WILL REACH AGREEMENT ON CHANGES IN SGM AGREEMENT GIVEN GREAT PRESSURES OPERATING IN THIS DIRECTION ON BOTH SIDES. GUETTA IS ON HIS WAY TO REPORT OT BANK HQ IN
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WASHINGTON AND HE WILL STOP OFF IN BRUSSELS TO TALK TO FONOFF. CAHEN CONSIDERS GUETTA'S VIEWS TO BE KNOWLEDGEABLE AND SOUND AND EMBASSY RECOMMENDS DEPT ALSO GET HIS IMPRESSIONS FIRST HAND.

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